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BIG GAINS MADE IN 2ND DISTRICT.

Miss Turner presents all Candidates with Tickets to Theatre On next Tuesday Night.

CONTEST IS JUST STARTING.

It will be any body fight up to the last week. New Subscriptions Count largest Number of Ballots in Contest.

Next Tuesday night, Miss Clara Turner extends to all the contestants of the Gazette European Tour Contest, whose names appear in today's paper a free ticket to the performance of "The Lady Godiva of Coventry." While Mr. Hammond will give a short address on Europe and foreign travel. Mr. Hammond has traveled throughout Europe, and will no doubt tell some interesting stories. Come out and see the performance and hear what Mr. Hammond has to say.

Remember you will have the best seats in the house and not a cent to pay. All you have to do is to accept and get your tickets at the Contest Department of the Gazette, not later than Monday night. The Gazette hopes every one of the contestants will take advantage of the offer of Miss Turner.

"The Lady Godiva of Coventry," as played by Miss Turner and her company has a modern setting and is a modern story. It is based on the Old English legend which has been immortalized by Tennyson and its resemblance to the poem is in a modern way. Contrary to Tennyson's story however, Lady Godiva does no horseback riding in the play. At the same time the story is full of human interest and is one of the company's most successful productions. Miss Turner will be seen as Lady Mary Fulton, and Mr. Hammond as Michael O'Brien, which is said to be his very best character role. Mr. Barry will be seen as Trelawney, an artist, and all the other members of the company have been well cast.

Every day brings new developments in the contest. From now on the candidate leading each district will appear at the head of the list of her respective district, and the others will stand in relative position in the list according to their number of votes. There will no doubt be quite a rivalry for the honor to be in the lead all the time, but as it is almost impossible to do that each one should try and keep in good standing. Note the leading contestants in each district. In the first Miss Harriett Spofford who captured the first place for today; the second is Miss Susan Fawcett. However, Miss Esther T. Heasley made the biggest gains in her district for the day, and she is losing no time and in a few days may spring a surprise on some of the other candidates. In the third district Miss William Brown of Duke Street stands at the head.

Are you saving the coupons for your favorite candidate? If not you should clip them for her. She will appreciate it very much, and at the end of the contest you may find out that it got her this trip to Europe, which the Gazette is now offering for a little pleasant and enjoyable work. Still if you would like to help her more, make a payment on your subscription which would entitle you to a special ballot counting many more votes.

The contest has hardly begun, there being several weeks of harvest time yet before the tours are cinched. It's everybody's fight right up to the last week. The great field of opportunity has never felt the cycle of real endeavor in soliciting subscriptions to the Gazette—a paper worth the money, and able to carry out its promises in liberal fashion.

Every day letters are being received from young ladies expressing themselves as having dreamed for years of a trip to the old world, and thanking the Gazette for giving them an opportunity to earn one of these tours.

Alexandria and vicinity are boiling over with contest excitement. In some parts of the city and country the girls are letting a glorious opportunity pass unimproved. There is a good chance for any one to be a winner. The size of your town does not make any difference.

Candidates may be nominated at any time during the contest—it is never too late to enter until the last day of the contest, April 15.

If your name or the name of a popular lady friend in your district is not among those present in the list, clip out a ballot, fill it out and rush it in today.

Upon application at this office subscription books and advertising matter will be furnished to the candidates who wish to accept payment upon subscriptions in order to secure the votes, and to their friends who are assisting them.

Any question concerning the contest or any point upon which a candidate is not sufficiently clear will be fully explained by the Contest Department.

In order to be one of the winners of the tour of Europe it is not necessary for a candidate to devote all of her time to the contest—half of her time, nor even a fourth of her time. Contestants can by calling upon their friends and neighbors during their spare moments, amass a large vote, and if they are at all popular, they have friends who will secure subscription votes and ballots for them and they will have little trouble in winning the trip given in their own district. But a candidate must by her own efforts show her friends that she is interested, and that she wants and will appreciate their support.

While this is not a "most popular girl contest," nor a "beauty contest," popularity will play an important factor in the winning of the tour. A woman without friends, and who is not popular, will stand no chance in the contest, yet on the other hand, the most popular woman in the county would stand as little chance of winning if she did not make some effort on her own part to be a winner. An Arabian proverb says "The Lord helps those who help themselves," and in the contest: Friends help those who help themselves.

Let each lady whose name has been placed in nomination start out today and call upon the first five friends she may think of and ask them to give her the votes that are given them by making payment on subscriptions to the Gazette. It is surprising how many votes can be secured in a short time.

Those who have been nominated, in justice to themselves and to their friends who place them in nomination, should make an effort to be winners.

The Contest Department of the Gazette is open every evening from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock for the convenience of those interested in the contest who cannot call during the day.

REV. DR. CALEY'S LECTURE.

Alexandria will be given an opportunity this year of hearing one of the most enjoyable and instructive courses of lectures.

The Rev. Dr. Caley B. D., Rector of the Church of St. Jude and the Nativity, Philadelphia, Pa. Delegate from the third department of the general board of Religious Education and author of canon 55, of a G. B. R. Education will open the course on Monday evening February 20th with an introductory lecture on "How we got our English Bible," following this with four lectures on the Earthly life of Jesus Christ.

The lectures will be given Monday evenings at eight o'clock in the Young People's Building and the subjects are as follows:

March 4th "The Private Life of Jesus Christ."

March 11th The Public Ministry of Jesus Christ.

March 18th The Miracles and Teaching of Jesus Christ.

March 25th The Passions and Risen Life of Jesus Christ.

Each lecture will be illustrated by fifty beautifully colored slides.

Mr. Caley has spent years of research and labor and many thousands of dollars in perfecting these slides and they thoroughly impress upon the minds of the hearer the subject so forcibly presented by the lecturer.

Mr. Caley is no doubt remembered by the large audience which heard him in his series of lectures last year.

William J. Bryan, in a speech at Denver, Col., last night, definitely set at rest reports that he might be induced again to make the race for the presidency. In concluding his address, he said: I am satisfied that some one else can poll more votes than myself but I am ready to enter upon a campaign on behalf of a true democrat with even more vigor than that with which I have fought at any time on my own behalf.

CITY OF BEYROUT IS BOMBARDED.

Three Italian Warships Send Shells Into Principal Seaport of Syria.

POPULATION IN A PANIC.

City Has Population of 120,000—Foreigners in Danger—Casualties Likely to be Heavy.

London, Feb. 24.—A dispatch today from Beyrouth, the chief seaport of Syria, said that three Italian warships started to bombard the city shortly before noon. Shells burst in the principal streets the report said and it was feared that the casualties would be heavy. The population was in a panic and many residents fled into the interior.

It was feared here that the lives of foreigners might be in danger. Tourists on their way to Jerusalem often stop off at Beyrouth, which has a population of 120,000, and is one of the most interesting cities in Asiatic Turkey.

Constantinople, Feb. 24.—The Turkish authorities here received word from Beyrouth today that three Italian warships approached the entrance to the harbor today and bombarded the city for half an hour. The shells did considerable damage to the part of the town that lines the harbor but the officers directing the fire apparently had a map of the city because none of the shells fell anywhere near any of the foreign concessions. It is specifically stated that the American undenominational college, the finest building in the city, was never in danger.

No report was made of any casualties.

London, Feb. 24.—A Reuter dispatch from Beyrouth tonight said that sixty persons were killed in the bombardment of that city. The customs house and several harbor buildings were badly damaged. The populace, it is stated, is fleeing from the city.

Several small Turkish gunboats were sunk before the bombardment began according to the Reuter dispatch. No mention of injury to European or Americans was made.

ST. MARY'S MUSIC EXAMINATION.

The mid-yearly examination in music began yesterday at the Academy with a recital by the younger musicians. Monday evening next at 7:30 the senior pupils will hold their recital to which all patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited. The following participated in the programme yesterday: C. Stewart, O. Watters, E. Smith, V. Richardson, H. Crown, M. Armstrong, A. Hibbs, E. Puckett, R. Fannon, J. Ramage, F. Harkins, L. Kelly, V. Fannon, T. Nalls, W. Clark, R. O'Neil, F. Evans, H. Knight, L. Schwartzman, C. Ponnert, M. Nalls, M. Hill, G. Gaines, D. Knight, M. Brock, K. Fitzpatrick, R. Priest, K. Crilly, W. Bayne, V. Webster, H. Mayer, E. Hurlforth, K. Heatherman, H. Brookler, R. LeHew, K. Grillbortzer, P. Harrington, M. Kelly, E. Hayden, S. Murphy, C. DeLane.

THE RIVER.

While the Pomac, is virtually opened to navigation, steamers on the lower river route are still unable to enter all the creeks and make landings. All the wharves have been damaged more or less. Those at Somerset Beach and Mathias Point will have to be rebuilt, the ice having carried most of the structures away.

AGED WOMAN MURDERED.

Toledo, O., Feb. 24.—Mrs. Helena Madge, an aged shopkeeper, was killed here early today when robbers entered her shop, tore a money belt from her body, bound her to a chair and ransacked the little shop for the fortune the woman was supposed to be guarding in the place. The coroner says the woman was smothered by bandits who covered her mouth to prevent an outcry.

Mother Madge, as she was known, had been robbed often enough to accept such events without excitement. The woman has been previously been held up for sums ranging from \$5 to several thousands. Police have urged her to retire from business and deposit her money in a bank. She insisted on tending shop and hiding her money around the place.

How much she lost this time is uncertain. Police are working on the theory that intimates of the old woman planned the crime.

DEMURRER SUSTAINED.

Plaintiff Allowed Sixty Days in Which to Amend Declaration—Decision in Brewery Case.

In the case of Recker vs the Southern Railway Company, in which the plaintiff claims \$100,000 damages for injuries to one of his hands while working in the machine shops of the defendant company in this city, Judge Barley has sustained the demurrer to this declaration on the grounds of contributory negligence assumption of risk with leave to plaintiff to amend the declaration at any time during the next sixty days. Recker claims that the accident was due to the absence of proper light in the shops.

In the case of the Arlington Brewery Company Judge Barley has overruled the decision of the Police Court which decided that the company could deliver beer in this city from their own wagons. The commonwealth had appealed the case. As a bill is now pending before the Legislature of Virginia which may materially change existing laws in this matter, the decision will not become operative until the fate of the bill referred to shall have been determined.

URGE RETROCESSION.

Residents of Alexandria County Revive Movement for Annexation to District of Columbia.

A large delegation of prominent residents of Alexandria county have taken preliminary steps toward forming an organization which will petition President Taft or wait on him in person and urge him to use his influence to have the entire county go back into the District of Columbia. The movement is said to have the backing of some of the most prominent residents of the county.

A preliminary meeting was held a few nights ago at the office of David N. Rust, in Washington, which was attended by many of the prominent citizens of the county. It is said that the residents of the county are dissatisfied with the manner in which they have been dealt with by the State Legislature in reference to an amendment they asked for the charter of the county.

The amendment was to allow or empower the Board of Supervisors to enjoy the same privileges exercised by City Councils in the expenditure of money for roads and other things.

Up to the present time the Legislature has not acted on the measure, and the residents of the county, especially those fostering the movement, are of the opinion that the measure will not pass at this session. Another meeting of the citizens interested will be held in the next few days when final plans for pushing the project will be made, it is understood.

LOCAL BREVITIES

The annual meeting of the Bachelor Club was held last night, when the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Douglas Stuart, president; W. W. Ballenger, vice president; J. Y. Williams, treasurer; O. A. Kirk, secretary; J. William May, librarian.

Peter O. Newman, sixty years old, a driver, living at 511 north Patrick street, received a broken collarbone and had four ribs broken from a collision with a stable door at the alms house yesterday, his horse having become unruly. Newman is being treated at the Alexandria Hospital by Dr. E. A. Gorman.

Ten candidates from Falls Church Lodge of Odd Fellows were last night initiated into the mysteries of Odd Fellowship by the degree team of Potomac Lodge, of this city. Following the degree work there was a smoker.

Mrs. Nettie Summers, wife of George L. Summers formerly of Alexandria, died at Barnesville, Ga., at six o'clock this morning.

The supply of country produce in market this morning showed but a slight increase over that of last Saturday. There was nothing new to report.

Samuel H. Lunt, auctioneer, sold today for R. D. Brumback, trustee, a house and lot on Columbus street, between Wilkes and Gibson, to Jonathan Matthews for \$900.

Officers Roland and Kern at an early hour this morning found two boys strolling leisurely along on King street. They were taken in custody when it was found they had run away from the Industrial Home School in Washington. The authorities of that institution were notified and later in the day the youngsters were turned over to an officer of the school.

NOVA ZEMBLANS STARVE TO DEATH.

Last Man to Die Left Note Telling Sad Story—Syndicate Responsible.

NO SUPPLIES IN TEN MONTHS.

One Hundred and Eighty-six Peasants Freeze to Death—Victims of Right Winter.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—Unable to obtain supplies, every member of a fishing colony on the island of Nova Zembla starved to death, according to the report made today by the captain of a government steamer just returned from the Arctic. The grim story of the victim's suffering was told in a note left by the last to die, Alexis Chenoff. The matter was called to the attention of members of the Duma and a thorough investigation was promised.

The colony was established a year ago by a syndicate which promised to send supplies regularly. No supplies had been sent for ten months.

Beside the emaciated body of Chenoff, the following note was found:

"We are at the end of our provisions and we can get nothing, not even the tiniest fish. A ship appears, but it is only a fresh delusion for it does not come our way. It is terrible to watch our children die, crying for nourishment. Driven by necessity we are eating the wool of our clothing. The children are now all dead. Only four men and two women are left alive. * * * Two fishermen ate the flesh of the dead and it caused their death. I, Chenoff, am the only one remaining. My hands shake; my eyes are dim. The end is near."

London, Feb. 24.—A Reuter dispatch from St. Petersburg says that 169 peasants have been frozen to death at Omsk and Petropavlovsk, Asiatic Russia.

CONDITIONS IN MEXICO.

United States to Send Additional Troops to Texas Border.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 24.—Early today no word had reached El Paso from General Pascual Orozco as to his connection with the new revolutionary movement against the Madero government of Mexico, or whether he had approved of the signing of his name to a manifesto circulated here yesterday. The manifesto, which bore the names of Orozco, Emilio Vasquez, and a number of other prominent Mexicans, proclaimed that "Francisco I. Madero has profaned the banner of Mexico with the scurrilous hand of the Yankee and American capital has backed him up in his revolutionary movements."

The manifesto declares Gen. Geronimo Trevino temporary president and calls upon Mexicans to wrest the government from Madero and his American backers.

Although no word has come from Orozco, Gonzales Enrile, a prominent Cientifico during the Diaz and De La Barra administration, admitted authorship of the document. He said the new movement is a combination of the Cientifico party with all the factions opposing Madero in an effort to present a united front against the present government. Many Americans think the movement was organized solely to force intervention by the United States.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Convinced that a crisis is at hand in Mexico, and that the life and safety of Americans on the Texas border is menaced, President Taft and Secretary of War Stimson today determined to dispatch additional troops to aid those now at El Paso.

The decision followed a series of conferences between the President and Stimson.

Republicans Control Situation.

[Special Dispatch to the Gazette.] Richmond, Va., Feb. 24.—The Senate is preparing to take Halifax from the sixth district and place it in the fifth. The House has voted to retain the present boundaries. If the Senate changes the districts the republican senators will object to report vote for the Jordan enabling act. If the House proposition is sustained they will vote against the Jordan bill. Four republican senators are in charge of the situation.



PEDRO W. OSPINA.
Minister from Colombia.
Minister Ospina Repudiated.

Colombia yesterday virtually repudiated the action of its Minister, Gen. Ospina, sending through America Minister DuBois, at Bogota, a cordial invitation to Secretary Knox to visit Colombia shores on his parent trip to the public on the Caribbean sea. The invitation was forwarded promptly to Secretary Knox who is aboard the cruiser Washington on his way South. With him rests the decision whether he will change his itinerary to include a call at the port of Cartagena. This, it is accepted here, he undoubtedly will do.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies last night passed the bill for the annexation of Tripoli by Italy, by a vote of 431 to 38 amid enthusiastic cheering from the floor of the chamber and the public gallery. Afterward the members who voted against the annexation, including the socialists, a few republicans, and one radical—Prince Gaetani—were roundly hissed. Only one member abstained from voting.

Probate Judge L. L. Farr, of East Liverpool, Ohio, refused to issue a marriage license to Rev. John Henry Evans, eighty years old, of the North Side, Pittsburg, and a colored woman, Mrs. Amanda Wilson, a widow, fifty-five years, who gave the same address. Evans is a Methodist minister, and owns valuable property on the North Side, and has considerable money in bank. The woman said she had been employed as housekeeper by Evans for some time.

With the date of their strike conference with representatives of the United Mineworkers of America only four days off, anthracite coal-mine owners were busy yesterday in New York preparing themselves against the demands which are to be formally made on behalf of the Pennsylvania coal workers next Tuesday. What their attitude would be when the claims for lighter work and greater pay are made none of them would say in advance, but it was asserted in quarters close to the different interests that all the requests would be flatly refused, and that, no matter how imminent a strike, no concessions would be made by the Lackawanna, Lehigh Valley, Reading, Jersey Central and other operating interests in the Pennsylvania hard-coal fields.

A demand of \$3 a week increase in wages is to be made by the Milk Wagon Drivers' Union in Chicago. This was decided at Thursday night's meeting of the organization. The drivers are now earning a minimum of \$18 a week. They want this advanced to \$21. There are 1,800 members of the union.

"Please play a few more dances," pleaded Catherine Jarcho, 18 years old, to the leader of the orchestra, at a dance in Passaic, N. J., yesterday morning. "The ball has passed too quickly. I hardly know I've been dancing at all." Miss Jarcho had danced the 20 or more dances on the regular programme, but seemed as fresh as when she started. The musicians would not accede to her request. The young woman went to her home and asked her mother to allow her to sleep until noon. Mrs. Jarcho went to the girl's room at noon and called her, but there was no response. She was dead. A physician said the young woman's heart, had been affected by excessive dancing.

President Taft yesterday announced himself as being unalterably opposed to the programme of the Democrats of the House to refuse any new battleships this year. In an address yesterday before the Navy League peace meeting here, he pledged himself to sign a bill providing for two new battleships, and declared that it was wrong to talk of economizing in navy expenditures until after the Panama Canal is completed. He said he felt perfectly consistent in speaking for a greater navy at a peace meeting, because universal peace has not yet come. Until war is abolished, he declared, the United States would be lacking in patriotism and common sense if it failed to keep up its army and navy.

GRAVE SITUATION IN LAWRENCE.

Many Women and Children Arrested Little Ones Innocently Responsible.

MEN AND WOMEN ARE BEATEN.

Policeman's Head Split Open by Brick Thrown by a Woman—Indignation in Other Cities.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 24.—Fifty policemen under direct command of Marshal Sullivan and two companies of militia interfered today with the attempt of the strike committee to send fifty children from this city to outside towns where they would be cared for. Eight women, five men and ten children were arrested and rushed to the police station.

The interference by the police and militia has added to the gravity of the situation. It follows the action of the military authorities when they announced that the strikers would be kept, wherever possible, from sending their children out of town. The strike leaders have openly charged that this action was taken at the behest of the mill owners, who know that if the children are kept here and forced to suffer, their parents will give up the struggle.

The strike leaders contend that if the children had plenty and were safely housed, the parents would get along, somehow.

The children who were innocently responsible for today's trouble were brought to the railroad station to be placed on board the 7:11 train. They were to be taken to Philadelphia and Providence, via Boston. Applications for them had been filled more than a week ago and a special car for their transfer had been provided.

Not a child was permitted to leave Lawrence and Marshal Sullivan refused to make any explanation of his action. The police and soldiers, acting directly under orders, separated the parents and the children, and forced the latter away from the station. When parents resisted, arrests were made.

The militia, in addition to their rifles, were armed with clubs which they used freely on all male strikers. In many instances where women threw themselves in front of the men to protect them, no discrimination was shown and the women were beaten. A number of women had their clothing torn badly when they were driven back by the police after they tried to rejoin their children. But the police officials disregarded this fact and fairly told the strike leaders that the children would remain in Lawrence. When they tried to defy his order he directed his police and soldiers to "get busy."

Before the women were lodged in the station many of them had severely scratched policemen. Policeman Moore's head was split open by a stone with which a woman hit him. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24.—Great indignation was expressed at the headquarters of the Socialist Party here today when it became known that the authorities of Lawrence, Mass., had prevented children of the striking textile workers from coming to this city to be cared for by persons who guaranteed to support them until the industrial troubles in Lawrence were adjusted.

The children were to have been met on their arrival here by a committee of the various labor organizations which have volunteered to find them homes and shelter. Immediately after their arrival they were to have been taken to Labor Lyceum, where a hearty supper was to have been provided. After this, they were to be brought to the celebration by German-American Socialists in honor of the recent victory of their party in Germany. Following this, the children were to have been taken to families that promised to care for them during their stay here.

Over six hundred families have applied for permission to care for these children and some difficulty was experienced in placing them properly.

When her child is in danger a woman will risk her life to protect it. No great act of heroism or risk of life is necessary to protect a child from croup. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and all danger is avoided. For sale by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.